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Applicants : Stephen Goff et al.  
 U.S. Serial No. : 10/009,433  
 Filed : November 8, 2001  
 For : TWO-HYBRID ASSAY THAT DETECTS HIV-1  
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 June 4, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 4, 2002 NOTIFICATION OF  
 MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371 IN THE UNITED STATES  
 DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) AND PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH  
 EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is submitted in response to the March 4, 2002 Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371 in the United States Designated/elected Office (DO/EO/US) issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this March 4, 2002 Notification was due May 4, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Notification. The fee for a one-month extension of time is FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$55.00) for a small entity. Small entity status has previously been established, and a check including this amount is enclosed. A response to the Notification is now due June 4, 2002. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

The Notification of Missing Requirements indicates that the Oath or

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Declaration is missing. Applicants attach hereto a copy of the Notice as **Exhibit A**. In response, applicants submit as **Exhibit B** hereto a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f). In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.497(a) and (b), the Declaration refers to the international application's above-identified International Application number and international filing date.

The surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.492(e) for submitting the enclosed Declaration for a small entity is SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00). Accordingly, a check including this amount is enclosed.

The Notification of Missing Requirements also indicates that an additional claim fee of FIFTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$54.00) is required as well as a ONE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$140.00) multiple dependent claim fee. Accordingly, a check including these amounts is enclosed.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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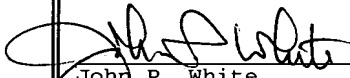
No fee, other than the enclosed total fee of \$314.00 including \$65.00 surcharge, \$194.00 total additional claim fees and \$55.00 for a one-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. If any other fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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